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SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE AT ITS ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION

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INTRODUCTION

1. The Organizational Committee (OC) of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) met at United Nations Headquarters from 8 to 12 February 1993. The Committee adopted an annotated agenda for the meeting (see annex I). The list of participants is contained in annex II to the present document.

2. OC discussed issues relating to the review of the subsidiary machinery of ACC; initiated preparations for the first regular session of 1993 of ACC; considered arrangements for the finalization of the overview report of ACC for 1992; and took up a number of other matters related to its agenda. A summary of the discussions and conclusions under the various agenda items is set out below.

I. ISSUES ARISING FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S LETTER OF 23 DECEMBER 1992 ON THE REVIEW OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE ACC MACHINERY

3. OC was informed of the responses of executive heads to the Secretary-General's letter of 23 December 1992, outlining measures for the streamlining of ACC subsidiary machinery. OC noted that executive heads had generally welcomed the Secretary-General's initiative and the approaches set out in his letter.

A. General approaches

4. In addressing issues arising from the Secretary-General's letter, OC first considered some general principles and criteria which were implicit in the Secretary-General's proposals and which should be applied in the streamlining of the ACC machinery. First, the role and functions of ACC itself should be kept in view in determining the nature and functions of its subsidiary bodies, whose purpose was to support ACC and assist it in fulfilling its coordination functions.

5. The Committee considered that ACC should be supported to that end by a limited number of standing subsidiary bodies or main committees. Those bodies should have clearly defined terms of reference and should not be burdened with additional, unrelated tasks. They should also have the option of convening task-oriented, time-bound working groups to assist them in addressing specialized subjects within their mandate.

6. The main committees - the Consultative Committees and the new Inter-agency Committee on Sustainable Development - should be responsible for handling broad sectors of the work of the system. The establishment and functioning of any other committees or ad hoc arrangements should be closely supervised by OC, which should also monitor the work programmes of the standing bodies to ensure complementarity and avoid duplication.

7. The Committee felt that the main consideration that should underlie decisions on whether any given subsidiary body was to be retained as part of the ACC machinery should be the relevance of its work, including both advisory and networking functions, to that of ACC itself or the main committee to which it would report. To the extent possible, and without prejudice to the responsibilities of OC for the monitoring and management of the overall work programme of the ACC machinery, all subsidiary bodies should report through a main committee, that is, through the new Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (CCSQ), the Inter-agency Committee on Sustainable Development (IACSD), the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Personnel and General Administrative Questions) (CCAQ(PER)), the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Financial and Budgetary Questions (CCAQ(FB)), their successor bodies, or OC itself.

8. A number of other guidelines for the functioning of the ACC machinery, recalling those contained in the report of the ACC Task Force on Environment and Development, were elaborated as follows:

(a) Subsidiary bodies should be established or reconstituted with a clause that, as a general rule, provided for their automatic expiry on a specified date. While operational, their effectiveness should be regularly reviewed to ensure that they adapted to evolving needs;

(b) Subsidiary bodies should formulate their recommendations to ACC in a succinct and action-oriented manner. Arrangements should be made to ensure that any publications or documents issued by subsidiary bodies should receive prior approval by all members;

(c) Coordination meetings should not invclve the mere exchange of information, nor should they discuss coordination in the abstract. There was a need to focus such meetings on specific problems and programmes requiring coordination among agencies. A clear agenda, along with well-prepared analytical background documentation and prior consultations, were essential to sharpen the focus of such meetings;

(d) Members of ACC should not feel obliged to participate in all its subsidiary bodies. Too broad an agenda for the meetings of such bodies and contributions of marginal relevance led to lengthy meetings and a general loss of interest on the part of participants;

(e) Collaborative mechanisms should not rely exclusively on formal meetings. Opportunities for improved cooperation and coordination by the active exchange of information and informal contacts also existed outside formal meetings. Exchange of views and inputs to reports might be conveyed more effectively by correspondence and other means.

9. Following this discussion, OC focused its attention on:

(a) Terms of reference and functioning of the new CCSQ, which merged the Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (Operational Activities) and relevant aspects of the functions of the Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (Programme Matters), including its relationship with IACSD and other subsidiary bodies;

(b) Procedures for the review of the subsidiary bodies listed under category 2 in the annex to the Secretary-General's letter by OC itself, the new CCSQ and IACSD.

B. Terms of reference and functions of the new Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions

10. With regard to paragraph 9 (a) above, OC agreed to transmit to the new CCSQ the following draft terms of reference, on the understanding that CCSQ itself would review them further and transmit any comments it might have to ACC for final decision at its next session.

Draft terms of reference

CCSQ will advise and assist ACC on a wide range of issues with a view to promoting complementarities and mobilizing the analytical, normative and operational capacities for economic and social development of the United Nations system in support of common goals and agreed strategies. To this end, CCSQ will in particular:

1. Ensure an ongoing dialogue regarding major strategies, approaches and issues relevant to the development activities of the United Nations system and consider modalities for the system to respond to socio-economic challenges facing the international community;

2. Consider issues related to enhancing the responsiveness of the system to national objectives and priorities, taking into account global goals and strategies; promote programme coordination and collaborative arrangements among organizations of the system around substantive priority themes; and review their progress periodically;

3. Consider and monitor progress on measures to enhance the programming, implementation and cost effectiveness of the operational activities of the United Nations system, in accordance with national plans and priorities, as well as the impact of such measures on strengthening national capacities;

4. Consider matters relating to improved cooperation and coordination of action and effective harmonization of activities at the field level;

5. Prepare recommendations and/or policy options for consideration by ACC, inter alia, in response to requests by intergovernmental bodies;

6. Recommend, where appropriate, measures for the implementation of policy guidance emanating from intergovernmental bodies and periodically review progress in this regard.

CCSQ should draw on the expertise of its member organizations to fulfil its functions and, as necessary, may convene task-oriented working groups to assist it in addressing specialized subjects within its mandate.

11. OC considered that care should be taken, in the context of the monitoring of the work programme of ACC machinery, to avoid possible duplication between the work of the new CCSQ and that of IACSD. The Chairman noted that the actual IACSD work programme would be affected by the evolution of the work of the Commission for Sustainable Development. On the other hand, the new CCSQ would retain a focus on operational activities, placing them in the broader context of the development objectives of the United Nations system.

12. Regarding the titles of the new CCSQ and the other standing committees, it was noted that uniformity of nomenclature would be desirable. OC agreed to revert to that matter at its next session, in the context of preparing final decisions by ACC on the restructuring of subsidiary machinery.

13. OC also had a preliminary exchange of views on arrangements for rotating CCSQ chairmanship and on inter-agency secretariat arrangements for the new CCSQ. Advantages and disadvantages of locating the secretariat in New York or Geneva were reviewed. It was agreed to revert to the matter at the next session. In order to facilitate the discussion, the Chairman would prepare a paper taking into account the different views expressed and covering the broader question of inter-agency secretariat support for ACC machinery, as well as related questions of procedures for appointments to inter-agency posts and their grading. Further views could be communicated to the Chairman for the preparation of the paper.

14. With regard to the programme of the first meeting of the new CCSQ, it was agreed that its agenda should include an item entitled "Coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum of rehabilitation and development". Consideration of that item would assist in preparing for the relevant discussions in ACC (see para. 30 below) and subsequent consideration by the Economic and Social Council (see paras. 35 and 36 below). In addition to discussing issues relating to its draft terms of reference (see para. 10 above) and its future work programme and methods of work, CCSQ would also be called upon to submit its views on a number of subsidiary bodies (see para. 16 below) for further consideration by OC at its next session. Furthermore, CCSQ would pursue relevant elements of the work programme of the former CCSQ (OPS), including questions relating to activities aimed at poverty alleviation, in the light of a submission by the World Bank. It would also pay particular attention to the follow-up to General Assembly resolution 47/199.

C. Reviews of subsidiary bodies by the new Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions and the Inter-agency Committee on Sustainable Development

15. With regard to the reviews of subsidiary bodies by the new CCSQ and IACSD, OC considered that such reviews should be focused on: (a) the assessment by

those Committees of their own substantive requirements in the areas covered by the bodies concerned; (b) the formulation, in that light, of views on the continuing need or otherwise for such bodies; and (c) improvements, as appropriate, in their functioning.

16. OC requested its Chairman to bring relevant observations and guidelines contained in the present report, together with the necessary background material, to the attention of the new CCSQ and IACSD, in respect of their reviews of subsidiary bodies as follows:

Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions

Subcommittee on Statistical Activities;

Ad Hoc Inter-agency Working Group on Demographic Estimates and Projections;

Ad Hoc Inter-agency Meetings on Coordination in Matters of International Drug Abuse Control.

Inter-agency Committee on Sustainable Development

Intersecretariat Group for Water Resources.

17. OC further considered that issues relating to the work of the Task Force on Rural Development would benefit from the views of both the new CCSQ and IACSD.

18. Issues relating to the work of the Subcommittee on Nutrition were taken up by OC itself in the context of item 2 of its agenda (see paragraphs 24 and 25 below). OC would revert to the matter at its next session.

D. Other issues

19. OC welcomed the procedure set forth in attachment II to the Secretary-General's letter of 23 December 1992 for dealing with subsidiary bodies. With regard to the subsidiary bodies abolished under category 1, as defined in the Secretary-General's letter, OC noted that questions relating to the least developed countries would be taken up, as appropriate, by both the new CCSQ and IACSD, and that arrangements would have to be made for monitoring and reviewing at the inter-agency level the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s. Similar considerations applied to reviewing and monitoring the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade. It was further decided that the meeting of the Task Force on Long-term Development Objectives originally scheduled for March 1993 should be cancelled. OC noted that subsidiary bodies on specific programme sectors referred to in category 3 would be discontinued as standing arrangements within the framework of ACC, while those in category 4, which were set up for special events, should normally operate under the aegis of OC and should in principle be discontinued once the special event had taken place.

20. With regard to the bodies listed under category 5, OC noted that its role would be limited to the receipt and collection, in due course, of information on the outcome of reviews to be conducted, as required, by the various lead organizations.

21. OC noted that a further report on the review of the functioning of ACC machinery was expected from the High-level Consultant to the Secretary-General on the role and functioning of ACC, Mr. Blanchard, covering, as indicated in the Secretary-General's letter: (a) some of the general policy issues raised in his preliminary report, (b) the mandate and methods of work of ACC itself, and (c) the functioning of the standing subsidiary machinery, with particular emphasis on outstanding issues concerning CCAQ. Members of OC expressed, on behalf of their organizations, their readiness to provide Mr. Blanchard with their views on those matters, as soon as they were contacted by him. The hope was expressed that Mr. Blanchard's submission would be received by organizations well in advance of the next OC/ACC session.

22. OCC decided to revert to the implications of the restructuring measures under consideration for its own role and functioning at its next session. The Chairman indicated that he would circulate a note on the subject to facilitate OC discussions.

II. REVIEW BY THE ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODIES REFERRED TO IT IN ATTACHMENT II TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S LETTER OF 23 DECEMBER 1992

23. OC initiated a review of the Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Information Systems (ACCIS), the Joint United Nations Information Committee (JUNIC), the Ad Hoc Inter-agency Meetings on Outer Space Activities and the Subcommittee on Nutrition (SCN). With regard to ACCIS, OC agreed that a small group of experts, drawn from interested agencies and led by the United Nations, should carry out a more intensive review of the mandates, functioning and structures of both ACCIS and ICC, in view of the interrelated functions of those two bodies, and should submit its findings to OC at its next session.

24. In discussing the ACC Subcommittee on Nutrition, OC emphasized the importance of inter-agency cooperation and collaboration in the field of nutrition, particularly in the light of the Declaration and Plan of Action on Nutrition arising from the International Conference on Nutrition. It was concluded that SCN would not be referred to IACSD for review, but that OC itself would undertake a review at its April session. In the meantime, OC requested SCN, which was due to meet in Geneva from 15 to 19 February 1993, to review its own role and functioning in the light of the letter of the Secretary-General and OC guidelines as outlined in the present report, and to transmit its views to OC in time for its April session.

25. The OC decided that the criteria to be utilized in its review of SCN would also be applied to its review of other subsidiary bodies in category 2 and that where possible those bodies should be encouraged to communicate their views on their role and functioning to the Organizational Committee. OC would pursue the review of those bodies at its next session.

III. PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION AND ITS SUBSIDIARY MACHINERY

A. Preparations for the first regular session of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1993

26. OC reviewed the provisional list of items to be placed on the agenda of ACC at its first regular session of 1993, to be held in Rome from 19 to 21 April. It was recalled that at the second regular session of ACC for 1992, the Secretary-General had proposed that the agenda should include: (a) review of the functioning of ACC and its subsidiary machinery; (b) follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED); and (c) preparations for the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations.

27. With respect to the review of the functioning of ACC and its subsidiary machinery, the Committee would prepare at its next session a submission for final consideration by ACC, taking into account the further report to be submitted by Mr. Blanchard and drawing on the reviews of subsidiary bodies referred to in paragraphs 16 and 17 above. In the light of ACC decisions on the subject, OC would then finalize the programme of work for ACC and its subsidiary machinery at a meeting to be held immediately following the ACC session, on 22 and 23 April 1993 (see para. 44 below).

28. OC expected the new IACSD to give special attention at its first session to preparing ACC discussions on the follow-up to UNCED. The report of IACSD should be available in advance of the OC session, with a view to facilitating consideration of that item by ACC. In addition, the United Nations would prepare for the OC session an information note on recent developments. It was also recalled that, in accordance with the relevant ACC decision, IACSD remained open to all ACC members and participants interested in specific issues placed on the agenda of its sessions.

29. The Committee was also briefed by the United Nations on preparations for the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations. The main elements of the brief would be circulated to members of OC as soon as possible. A background paper by the United Nations identifying issues requiring ACC attention would be circulated subsequently before the OC/ACC sessions.

30. At the request of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), OC proposed for the consideration of ACC an additional item entitled "Coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development". The United Nations Department for Humanitarian Affairs, in full cooperation with interested organizations, would prepare a background paper for the consideration of that item by ACC. The Department would also prepare a background paper for the prior discussion of the item in the new Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (see paragraph 14 above).

31. With regard to the standing item "Administrative and financial questions", ACC might wish to consider issues arising from the outcome of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, including conditions of service of professional and general service staff. Preparations for the above discussions should be undertaken by CCAQ(PER). Furthermore, the attention of CCAQ(PER) should be

drawn to the study of the provisions of the relationship agreements relating to the common system, which had been requested by the Economic and Social Council so that it could prepare for the consideration of the matter by ACC, as required. It was noted that the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) had offered to undertake a study to assist the Economic and Social Council in its review of the matter at its substantive session of 1993. If JIU were to prepare a report on the subject, ACC comments on it would be required and would need to be finalized by correspondence.

B. Arrangements for the finalization of the annual report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1992

32. Preliminary drafts of some sections of the report, prepared by the United Nations and by the secretariats of CCAQ (PER and FB), were made available to OC. It was agreed that organizations would provide the Chairman with written comments on the draft and that the report would be finalized at the OC meeting to be held after the first regular session of ACC. It was further agreed that, at least in so far as the question of the review of the ACC machinery was concerned, the account of developments in the report should be extended to cover decisions taken at the April 1993 session of ACC.

C. Other matters

1. Preparations for the twenty-seventh series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination

33. OC agreed with the suggestion made by CPC at its thirty-second session that the subject for consideration at the next series of Joint Meetings of CPC and ACC should be "Follow-up to UNCED". It recalled that the relevant Economic and Social Council decision envisaged that the Joint Meetings would be held in the fall, in conjunction with the fall sessions of ACC.

2. Preparations for the high-level and coordination segments of the Economic and Social Council

34. OC was informed by the United Nations that informal consultations under way indicated that the Economic and Social Council was expected to adopt the following theme for the high-level segment of its substantive session of 1993: "World Summit for Social Development, including the role of the United Nations system in promoting social development". The Council would request a report by the Secretary-General and would invite the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to contribute to its preparation within their respective areas of competence. The United Nations indicated that member organizations would be contacted in the near future about arrangements for the preparation of the Secretary-General's report.

35. It was noted that, for the coordination segment, the Economic and Social Council was likely to adopt the following themes: (a) "Coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation

and development" and (b) "Coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the fields of preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera". It was envisaged that in the current year the coordination segment would result in agreed conclusions containing specific recommendations on matters related to coordination addressed to the various organizations of the United Nations system. The Secretary-General would be requested to apprise the Economic and Social Council at its 1994 session of the steps taken by the United Nations system to give effect to those recommendations.

36. OC considered that prior consideration of the item on humanitarian assistance by CCSQ and subsequently ACC would facilitate the preparation of the report on the subject. With regard to the theme of the prevention of malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, it was noted that the World Health Organization (WHO) would have the role of task manager in the preparation of the report, in agreement and full cooperation with a steering network of interested organizations, such as the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, FAO and the World Bank, which would be expected to provide substantial inputs. The Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development of the United Nations Secretariat would participate fully in order to facilitate the process. Similarly, it was agreed that close collaboration would be arranged for the preparation of the report on humanitarian assistance.

3. Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit: arrangements for the finalization of draft comments on: "United Nations system cooperation with multilateral financial institutions" (JIU/REP/92/1, parts I and II); "Towards an integrated library network of the United Nations system" (JIU/REP/92/5); and "Decentralization of organizations within the United Nations system" (JIU/REP/92/6, parts I and II)

37. Draft ACC comments on JIU/REP/92/1, parts I and II, and JIU/REP/92/5 were made available and members were requested to provide their comments as soon as possible so that the drafts could be finalized for review by OC and submission to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993. With respect to the third report (JIU/REP/92/6), the United Nations Secretariat would prepare draft comments, in the light of inputs being sought from organizations.

38. OC also reviewed the work programme of JIU for 1993 and noted that the reasons provided in the work programme document for the studies being proposed were hardly adequate. OC considered that it would be in the interest of all concerned to have enhanced consultations and dialogue with JIU, both in the formulation of the JIU work programme and in the process of report preparation. It was agreed that members would provide the Chairman with their comments on the work programme for 1993, as well as on improvements in procedures. On the basis of those views, the Chairman would communicate with the Chairman of JIU. In the light of developments, the desirability of an informal working level meeting with the Chairman and/or Executive Secretary of JIU might be considered.

4. Matters arising from the reports of ACC subsidiary bodies

39. OC had before it the following reports of subsidiary bodies:

(a) Report of the ACC Task Force on Science and Technology for Development on its thirteenth session (ACC/1992/19);

(b) Report of the Ad hoc Inter-agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities (ACC/1992/28);

(c) Report of the ACC Intersecretariat Group for Water Resources on its thirteenth session (ACC/1992/29 and Corr.1);

(d) Report of the Tenth Inter-agency Meeting on the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons (ACC/1992/31).

It would revert to those reports at its next session.

5. Procedures for appointments to posts in the subsidiary machinery of the Administrative Committee on Coordination

40. OC agreed to revert to the matter at its forthcoming meetings in April (see para. 13 above).

6. Arrangements for the finalization of the Administrative Committee on Coordination report on programme and resources of the United Nations system

41. OC was informed that a draft of the report prepared by the secretariat of CCAQ(FB) had been circulated to the organizations of the system. OC agreed that inter-agency consultations by the specialists concerned were required to finalize the draft, which should, if feasible, be held in conjunction with the next meeting of CCAQ(FB).

7. Progress report by the United Nations on replies received from agencies on assistance provided to countries affected by the sanctions concerning Iraq, in the context of Article 50 of the Charter of the United Nations

42. A background paper prepared by the United Nations was made available to OC. It was noted that a brief summary containing updated information on the subject would be included in the ACC annual overview report of 1992 pursuant to a request made by CPC at its thirty-second session.

8. Follow-up to forty-seventh session of the General Assembly

43. OC decided to revert to the information note on decisions taken at the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly (ACC/1993/OC/CRP.2), submitted to it by the United Nations at its April meeting, in the context of its preparation of the ACC work programme.

IV. MEETINGS OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

44. OC agreed that it would hold its next session in Rome from 5 to 8 April 1993 to prepare for the first regular session of ACC for 1993 and that it would hold a second meeting on 22 and 23 April to follow up on the outcome of the ACC session.

45. Regarding future sessions of ACC, the representative of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) recalled the ITU invitation to host the first regular session of ACC in 1994. ITU would not, however, be able to host the meeting during the last week of April, due to other commitments. The International Atomic Energy Agency expressed its interest in hosting the first regular session of ACC in 1995.

Annex I

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Item 1. Issues arising from the Secretary-General's letter of 23 December 1992 on the review of the functioning of the ACC machinery

Discussions under this item might cover any outstanding issues relating, inter-alia, to:

(a) Terms of reference and functioning of the new Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions;

(b) Procedures for the implementation of the measures outlined in Attachment II to the Secretary-General's letter, including:

(i) Arrangements for the reviews of ACC subsidiary bodies to be carried out by the Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions and the Inter-agency Committee on Sustainable Development;

(ii) Issues relating to the other categories of subsidiary bodies identified in Attachment II to the Secretary-General's letter.

Item 2. Review by the Organizational Committee of the subsidiary bodies referred to it in Attachment II to the Secretary-General's letter of 23 December 1992

The subsidiary bodies referred to the Organizational Committee include:

(a) Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Information Systems (ACCIS);

(b) Joint United Nations Information Committee (JUNIC);

(c) Ad hoc Inter-agency Meetings on Outer Space Activities.

The terms of reference of the above-mentioned bodies are contained in document ACC/1987/INF/1. With regard to ACCIS, attention is called, inter alia, to Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/60 on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States. Secretariat services for JUNIC and the ad hoc Inter-agency Meetings on Outer Space activities are provided, respectively, by the Department of Public Information of the United Nations and the Department of Political Affairs of the United Nations. The secretaries of these two bodies will be available for consultation, as may be required.

Item 3. Programme of work of ACC and its subsidiary machinery

(a) Preparations for the first regular session of ACC for 1993

The first regular session of 1993 of ACC is to be held in Rome, from 19 to 21 April 1993. At the second regular session of ACC for 1992, the Secretary-General proposed that the agenda for the Rome session include the following items:

(i) Review of the functioning of ACC and its subsidiary machinery;

(ii) Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

(iii) Preparations for the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations.

The Organizational Committee may wish to finalize, in the light of the above, its proposals for the ACC Agenda and to review the documentation required for the session.

(b) Arrangements for the finalization of the annual report of ACC for 1992

Draft chapters of the report, in the light of the outline approved by the Organizational Committee at its October session, are being prepared by the United Nations and by the secretariat of CCAQ(PER) and (FB) and will be circulated to the Organizational Committee for preliminary review.

(c) Other matters

The Committee may wish to review developments in relation to the following:

(i) Preparations for the twenty-seventh series of Joint Meetings of CPC and ACC;

(ii) Preparations for the high-level and coordination segments of the Economic and Social Council;

(iii) Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit: arrangements for the finalization of draft ACC comments on:

a. "United Nations system cooperation with multilateral financial institutions" (JIU/REP/92/1, parts I and II);

b. "Towards an integrated library network of the United Nations system" (JIU/REP/92/5);

c. "Decentralization of organizations within the United Nations system" (JIU/REP/92/6, parts I and II).

Comments received from agencies on JIU/REP/92/1 and JIU/REP/92/5 will be circulated at the meeting.

(iv) Matters arising from the reports of ACC subsidiary bodies:

ACC/1992/19 Report of the ACC Task Force on Science and Technology for Development on its thirteenth session (New York, 30 November to 2 December 1992);

ACC/1992/28 Report of the Ad hoc Inter-agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities (UNESCO headquarters, Paris, 5 to 7 October 1992);

ACC/1992/29 and Corr.1 Report of the ACC Intersecretariat Group for Water Resources on its thirteenth session (New York, 7 to 9 October 1992);

ACC/1992/31 Report of the Tenth Inter-agency Meeting on the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons (Vienna, 7 to 10 December 1992);

(v) Procedures for the appointments to posts in the subsidiary machinery of ACC;

(vi) Arrangements for the finalization of the ACC report on programme and resources of the United Nations system (a draft prepared by the CCAQ(FB) secretariat is being circulated to organizations for comments);

(vii) Progress report by the United Nations on replies received from agencies on assistance provided to countries affected by the sanctions concerning Iraq, in the context of Article 50 of the Charter of the United Nations.

A note by the United Nations on decisions taken at the last session of the General Assembly requiring follow-up at the inter-agency level is being circulated separately.

A draft programme of work for ACC and its subsidiary machinery for 1993, in the light of OC discussions on the above matters and the decision of ACC on the functioning of ACC and its subsidiary machinery, would be prepared for the consideration of OC at its meeting immediately following the first regular session of ACC of 1993.

Annex II

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INTRODUCTION

1. The Organizational Committee (OC) of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) met at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome, from 5 to 8 April 1993. OC adopted an annotated agenda for the meeting, which is contained in annex I. The list of participants is contained in annex II. The outcome of a further meeting of OC, to be held from 21 to 23 April, immediately after the ACC session, will be reflected in Part II of the present summary of conclusions.

I. REVIEW BY THE ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE OF ACC SUBSIDIARY BODIES REFERRED TO IT

2. OC reviewed the Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Information Systems (ACCIS), the Joint United Nations Information Committee (JUNIC), the Ad Hoc Inter-agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities and the Subcommittee on Nutrition (SCN). It recalled the five categories of inter-agency bodies contained in attachment II to the Secretary General's letter of 23 December 1992 to executive heads, as well as the general approaches and guidelines which it had adopted in addressing the review of subsidiary bodies at its session in February 1993.

3. OC agreed that there was a need for a continuing inter-agency coordination mechanism in the area of information systems. It concurred with the recommendation of the Ad Hoc ACC/OC Review Group on the Mandates, Functioning and Structures of the International Computing Centre (ICC) and the Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Information Systems that a senior-level working group, composed of all concerned agencies, should be convened to identify policy issues relating to coordination in the area of information, with the assistance of technical experts. The Committee noted that an external consultant could also be engaged, if required. The working group should, in the light of its policy recommendations, propose appropriate mandates, structures and secretariat arrangements for ACCIS and ICC. The working group should report through OC to ACC at its second regular session in 1993. The Committee noted with appreciation the offer made by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) to contribute to and lead the working group by making available a senior official with high managerial responsibilities and familiar with information technology issues.

4. OC agreed to recommend to ACC that JUNIC be maintained as an ACC subsidiary body responsible for coordination in the area of public information and that it report to ACC through OC. It also agreed that the new arrangements for the rotation of its chairmanship should be continued.

5. OC recognized that the Ad Hoc Inter-agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities had done very valuable work; bearing in mind the criteria developed at its previous session, OC concluded that inter-agency programme consultations and coordination in that area might continue outside the framework of ACC. The Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (CCSQ) and the Inter-agency Committee on Sustainable Development (IACSD) should, as necessary, be informed of relevant activities and, where appropriate, policy issues should be brought to the attention of ACC.

6. Taking into account in particular the immediate requirements of the follow-up to the International Conference on Nutrition, OC agreed to recommend that the Subcommittee on Nutrition be retained as part of the ACC machinery, subject to review in two years' time. At its meeting after the ACC session, OC would pursue its review of the Subcommittee's functioning, including reporting arrangements.

II. REVIEW OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF 1993 OF ACC

A. Functioning of ACC and its subsidiary machinery

7. The discussion of OC under this item was directed at (a) identifying the main issues requiring action by ACC, so as to facilitate and help structure ACC discussions and (b) considering how best to assist ACC during the session in recording the outcome of its discussions.

8. OC also concurred with the results of the reviews by the new CCSQ and IACSD of the subsidiary bodies referred to them.

9. OC was informed that in the context of ACC discussions on the role and functioning of ACC and its subsidiary machinery, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) would inform ACC members of certain initiatives she planned to take concerning inter-agency coordination in the field of environment.

B. Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

10. The representative of the United Nations Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development briefed the Committee on the outcome of the first meeting of IACSD, which had been held in New York from 23 to 25 March 1993. IACSD core members had benefited from the contributions of other concerned member organizations of ACC. Representation at the meeting had generally been at a high level. Apart from reviewing the subsidiary bodies referred to it, IACSD had agreed on and initiated the process for the allocation and sharing of responsibilities for the implementation of Agenda 21 among the organizations of

the United Nations system. It had also discussed new and additional financing requirements of organizations of the United Nations system related to Agenda 21 and preparations for both ACC discussion and the twenty-seventh series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (CPC) and ACC. The outcome of the deliberations of IACSD on those and other issues was reflected in the relevant parts of its report (ACC/1993/11).

11. A number of agencies, while supporting the notion of a core membership for IACSD and appreciating that the first meeting of IACSD had indeed been open to ACC members who were not part of the core group, felt that consideration should be given to making the work of the Committee more participatory in order to ensure that its outcome could be followed up effectively by all organizations of the system. It was recalled in this connection that the composition of IACSD would be reviewed by ACC after two years.

12. The Committee noted that IACSD had prepared a draft statement for consideration and possible adoption by ACC (ACC/1993/CRP.2). The statement would form the first part of a report to the Commission on Sustainable Development on progress made in the incorporation of recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in activities of organizations of the United Nations system. Any comments on the draft statement made by members of ACC that were not core members of IACSD would be conveyed to the Chairman of IACSD prior to the first regular session of ACC in 1993.

C. Coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development

13. In its consideration of "Coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development", on the basis of a background paper (ACC/1993/CRP.3) prepared by the Department of Humanitarian Affairs, OC made a number of observations. That item provided an opportunity for ACC to address the question of the coordination of the United Nations system in the context of a specific and major substantive issue and on the basis of experience gained, which would be relevant for coordination efforts in other sectors. In the area of humanitarian assistance, the unique and central role of the United Nations, which had been recognized by the General Assembly in its resolution 46/182, involved providing the value added, deriving from the Charter of the United Nations, which was essential for ensuring the effective mobilization of both the capacities of the system as a whole and the resources needed to address emergency situations and the continuum to rehabilitation and development. OC proposed that ACC discussions on that item take into account the following questions and proposals:

(a) How emergency situations could be addressed in an effective, efficient and coherent way had become a major issue of concern to both Governments and the United Nations system as a whole. That concern had deepened as a result of the diversion of effort and resources from development to relief activities. The question of coordination of United Nations system activities and the interface between the various dimensions of crisis management were thus of critical importance. In that context, the role and functions of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs were found to be crucial and should be fully supported.

Many participants emphasized the importance of their close working relations with the Department;

(b) In addressing emergency situations, the integrated nature of the relief-rehabilitation-reconstruction continuum must be strengthened not in a linear way but through, inter alia, integration of relief and development assistance in national plans and programmes that addressed the root causes of recurrent emergencies; protection of countries' adjustment and development programmes, as appropriate; and incorporation of basic support structures that complemented emergency action, within the framework of early assessments and preparation of consolidated appeals, thereby encouraging closer links between emergency response, on the one hand, and rehabilitation and reconstruction activities requiring greater involvement of development organizations on the other;

(c) In all aspects of its activities, the United Nations system should give explicit support to capacity-building in recipient countries;

(d) For an effective United Nations system response, there was a need to define the actions required and to develop both goals for coordinated action and a strategy to achieve a continuum from relief to development. In that context some of the areas underscored were:

(i) Identification of gaps in the system's response and allocation of responsibilities in complex emergencies (which might benefit from clearer definition), including those relating to addressing the needs of internally displaced persons and minority groups;

(ii) Improvement of horizontal coordination, that is, the link between relief assistance, rehabilitation and reconstruction (for more effective utilization and maximization of comparative advantages of the United Nations system, the existing capacities and strengths of the organizations and agencies of the system should be evaluated);

(iii) Improvement of vertical coordination, that is, addressing the link between humanitarian, economic, political and security dimensions of a crisis (that was seen as contributing to the value-added aspect of the role of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs: for example, the unblocking of political impediments to the delivery of humanitarian assistance should be an important function of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs);

(iv) Improvement of the process of assessing needs, the preparation of consolidated appeals and the follow-up to both;

(v) Establishment or strengthening of mechanisms for vulnerability (or risk) mapping in conjunction with disaster preparedness and early warning systems to facilitate such preparedness, as well as preventive action focused on poor and vulnerable people and regions;

(vi) Development of a media strategy for sensitizing the public and focusing donor attention on the work being done by the United Nations system in that area;

(vii) Greater clarity of arrangements for country-level coordination in complex emergency situations;

(viii) Strengthening training programmes for United Nations system and national staff;

(e) A United Nations system-wide strategy to address those issues should build on the existing capacities of the system;

(f) The concept of rapid response teams for situations in which United Nations system capacity was not immediately available would need to be examined in the light of the mandates and capacities of the United Nations system;

(g) The concept of establishing lead agencies or entrusting primary responsibility, either at the sectoral or subnational level, to the appropriate agency or organization, under the overall guidance and coordination of the Department of Humanitarian Affairs, should be examined;

(h) Special attention should be given to the needs of women and children and to the pivotal roles that women could play in the emergency-development continuum;

(i) The role and contribution of non-governmental organizations in the areas of both emergency relief and rehabilitation were extremely important and efforts should continue to strengthen their collaboration with the United Nations system.

D. Fiftieth anniversary

14. OC noted that that issue would not be taken up as a separate agenda item but would be discussed in connection with the Secretary-General's briefing on recent developments during the private meeting. A background note was available (ACC/1993/CRP.4).

E. Administrative questions

15. OC was briefed by the Chairperson of the Consultative Committee on Advisory Questions (Personnel and General Administrative Questions) (CCAQ(PER)) on the outcome of its seventy-eighth session, held from 1 to 5 March 1993 in New York (ACC/1993/6). The areas brought to the attention of OC in connection with the preparation of the ACC discussion of that agenda item included: (a) the application of the Noblemaire principle; (b) the structure of the salary scale of professional and higher categories; (c) criteria and modalities for payment of special occupational rates; and (d) pensionable remuneration for the General Service category.

16. It was noted that by adopting resolution 47/216 the General Assembly had provided an opportunity for the organizations of the United Nations system to put forward proposals for reform and the improvement of salary scales. CCAQ intended to prepare a document for submission to the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) at its summer 1993 session that would finalize options for

structural reforms in the salary scale and study the application of the Noblemaire principle. With respect to the pensionable remuneration of General Service staff, it was important that the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board should not introduce modifications that would erode current conditions.

17. While the issue of the security of staff in the field had not been on the agenda of CCAQ(PER) OC considered that it was a serious concern that ACC would need to address at its forthcoming session.

18. OC felt that consideration by ACC of that item would be facilitated by the preparation of draft ACC conclusions based on the relevant recommendations and conclusions of CCAQ(PER). Accordingly, draft ACC conclusions prepared by the Chairperson of CCAQ(PER) and revised in the light of a preliminary exchange of views in OC were before ACC (ACC/1993/CRP.6).

19. OC recalled the exchange of views it had had at its February session concerning the implementation by the Economic and Social Council of the request addressed to it by the General Assembly in resolution 46/191 B. In that resolution, after reiterating its endorsement of the view of ICSC that the action taken by ITU for the payment of a special post allowance to Headquarters Professional staff was incompatible with the common system, the General Assembly had called upon the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 1993, to review and, where appropriate, strengthen the applicable sections of the relationship agreements between the United Nations and member organizations of the United Nations common system, in particular article VIII of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union, in order to enhance comparability and further adherence to the goals and objectives of the common system. In including the matter on its agenda, the Economic and Social Council had decided to take into account a report which the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) had offered to prepare, as well as a background document by the Secretary-General and a report by ICSC.

20. OC noted that CCAQ(PER), having reviewed the matter, had not identified any problems at the working level and therefore did not deem it necessary to pursue a review of article VIII of the text of the relationship agreement between the United Nations and ITU, and the corresponding articles of the relationship agreements between the United Nations and other organizations of the common system. ACC might wish to take a corresponding position on that matter.

21. OC also noted that the Chairperson of JIU had addressed a letter to the Secretary-General, dated 6 April 1993, confirming that a report was being prepared by two inspectors for submission to the Economic and Social Council on the issue of maintaining a coherent and unified common system of salaries, allowances and conditions of service. The report would indicate the advantages and disadvantages of possible options, both those requiring a revision of the relationship agreements and those leading to a strengthening of the common system which could be undertaken within the existing framework of agreements. OC concluded that the matter was significant enough to be brought to the attention of ACC for consideration.

III. OTHER MATTERS

A. Preparations for the twenty-seventh series of joint meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination

22. The representative of the United Nations briefed OC on the consideration of that item by IACSD. He indicated that the United Nations would prepare a draft background paper, identifying issues relating to the implementation of UNCED recommendations and their implications for the United Nations system, for discussion at the twenty-seventh series of joint meetings of CPC and ACC. IACSD would review that paper at its next meeting.

B. Matters arising from the reports of subsidiary bodies of the Administrative Committee on Coordination

Report of the new Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (Geneva, 16 to 19 March 1993)

23. OC was briefed on the results of the first meeting of the new Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions, held in Geneva from 16 to 19 March 1993. The meeting was marked by representation at a high level from several organizations and programmes and achieved significant progress on the substantive issues on its agenda, including the coordination of humanitarian assistance and the implementation of General Assembly resolution 47/199.

24. OC had brought a number of conclusions to the attention of ACC for its endorsement, including, in addition to the implementation of the above-mentioned resolution, the outcome of its consideration of policies and procedures on technical cooperation among developing countries; a guidance note for the use of United Nations Volunteers; and its future work programme. Noting that those matters were not on the agenda of the ACC session, OC considered it advisable to approve the relevant conclusions on behalf of ACC, subject to ACC endorsement.

Annex I

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Item 1. Review by the Organizational Committee of subsidiary bodies of the Administrative Committee on Coordination referred to it

OC is to revert to its review of ACC subsidiary bodies referred to it in attachment II to the Secretary-General's letter of 23 December 1992 to executive heads. The bodies concerned include the Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Information Systems; the Joint United Nations Information Committee; and the Ad Hoc Inter-agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities. In addition, as agreed at the February session, OC will pursue its review of the Subcommittee on Nutrition.

Documentation before OC on this item will include:

(a) A report by SCN setting out the SCN view on its own role and functioning, with recommendations to OC contained in paragraphs 2 to 6 (ACC/1993/OC/CRP.5);

(b) A note by the United Nations on consultations it has undertaken, pursuant to a decision of OC, on the mandates, functioning and structures of ICC and ACCIS (ACC/1993/OC/CRP.6).

Item 2. Review of preparations for the first regular session of 1993 of the Administrative Committee on Coordination

In his letter of 24 March 1993 to executive heads, the Secretary-General outlined the arrangements for the first regular session of ACC for 1993. The proposed agenda includes the following items:

(a) Functioning of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its subsidiary machinery;

(b) Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

(c) Coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development;

(d) Fiftieth anniversary;

(e) Administrative questions.

(a) Functioning of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its subsidiary machinery

At its February session, OC had noted that a further report on the review of the functioning of ACC machinery was expected from the High-level Consultant to the Secretary-General on the role and functioning of ACC, covering: (a) some of the general policy issues raised in his preliminary report; (b) the mandate

and methods of work of ACC itself; and (c) the functioning of the standing subsidiary machinery, with particular emphasis on outstanding issues concerning CCAQ. That supplementary report has since been circulated to members of ACC in document ACC/1993/CRP.1.

At its first meeting, held in Geneva from 16 to 19 March 1993, CCSQ, inter alia, reviewed: (a) the Subcommittee on Statistical Activities; (b) the Ad Hoc Inter-agency Working Group on Demographic Estimates and Projections; (c) the Ad Hoc Inter-agency Meeting on Coordination in Matters of International Drug Abuse Control; and (d) the Task Force on Rural Development. It also reviewed its own terms of reference, role and functioning. The relevant recommendations are contained in its report (ACC/1993/10).

Similarly, at its first meeting, held in New York from 23 to 25 March 1993, IACSD, inter alia, reviewed: (a) the Inter-secretariat Group for Water Resources and (b) the Task Force on Rural Development. IACSD also examined the need for a coordination mechanism in the area of ocean affairs. The recommendations of IACSD are contained in paragraph 2 of its report to ACC (ACC/1993/11).

At its February session, OC also decided to revert at the current session to the question of inter-agency secretariat support for ACC machinery and to the implications of the restructuring of ACC machinery for its own role and functioning. An informal background note on these subjects will be circulated at the meeting.

(b) Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

The report of the first meeting of IACSD (ACC/1993/11) includes a draft statement of ACC. As agreed, an information note prepared by the United Nations on recent developments in this area will be made available to OC (ACC/1993/OC/CRP.4).

(c) Coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development

A paper by the Department of Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations will be circulated to ACC members. The paper takes into account the views expressed at CCSQ, which considered this item at its meeting in March 1993 (ACC/1993/10).

(d) Fiftieth anniversary

As requested by OC, a background paper by the United Nations on the subject will be circulated to members of ACC.

(e) Administrative questions

The reports of CCAQ(PER) and the Consultative Committee on Advisory Questions (Financial and Budgetary Questions) (CCAQ(FB)) will be circulated in documents ACC/1993/6 and ACC/1993/7.

Item 3. Programme of work for the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its subsidiary machinery for 1993

An information note by the United Nations on decisions taken at the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly was circulated at the February OC session. OC may wish to finalize the programme of work for ACC and its subsidiary machinery at its meeting from 22 to 23 April 1993, in the light of the decisions to be taken by ACC at its first regular session of 1993.

Item 4. Annual report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1992

OC is called upon to finalize the draft annual report of ACC for 1992. Those sections of the report which need to reflect the outcome of the discussions held at the first regular session of ACC may be taken up at the OC meeting from 22 to 23 April.

Item 5. Other matters

(a) Preparations for the substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

The Committee may wish to review developments in relation to the preparations for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of 1993 of the Economic and Social Council. Issues relating to the report on humanitarian assistance, to be submitted to the coordination segment of the Economic and Social Council, may be taken up in conjunction with the consideration of item 2 (c) above.

(b) Preparations for the twenty-seventh series of joint meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination

The Committee may wish to review preparations for the joint meetings of CPC and ACC at its meeting from 22 to 23 April 1993, in the light of the report of IACSD and the outcome of the ACC discussions on the follow-up to UNCED.

(c) Comments of the Administrative Committee on Coordination on reports of the Joint Inspection Unit

(i) "United Nations system cooperation with multilateral financial institutions" (JIU/REP/92/1, Parts I and II);

(ii) "Towards an integrated library network of the United Nations system" (JIU/REP/92/5);

(iii) "Decentralization of organizations within the United Nations system" (JIU/REP/92/6, Parts I and II).

OC may wish to finalize ACC comments on (i) and (ii) above. The United Nations is currently preparing draft comments, in the light of inputs received from organizations by 31 March 1993, with respect to (iii) above.

(d) Matters arising from the reports of subsidiary bodies of the Administrative Committee on Coordination

As agreed at its last session, OC will revert at its present session to the consideration of the following reports of subsidiary bodies:

(i) Report of the ACC Task Force on Science and Technology for Development on its thirteenth session (New York, 30 November to 2 December 1992) (ACC/1992/19);

(ii) Report of the Ad Hoc Inter-agency Meeting on Outer Space (UNESCO headquarters, Paris, 5 to 7 October 1992) (ACC/1992/28);

(iii) Report of the ACC Intersecretariat Group for Water Resources on its thirteenth session (New York, 7 to 9 October 1992) (ACC/1992/29 and Corr.1);

(iv) Report of the Tenth Inter-agency Meeting on the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons (Vienna, 7 to 10 December 1992) (ACC/1992/31).

OC will also review matters arising from reports of the following ACC subsidiary bodies:

(i) Report of the Fifth Inter-agency Meeting on Ageing (Vienna, 18 to 19 February 1993) (ACC/1993/4);

(ii) Report of the twentieth session of the ACC Subcommittee on Nutrition (Geneva, 15 to 19 February 1993) (ACC/1993/5);

(iii) Report of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Personnel and General Administrative Questions), first regular general session of 1993, New York, 1 to 5 March 1993 (ACC/1993/6);

(iv) Report of the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Financial and Budgetary Questions), first regular session of 1993, Vienna, 8 to 12 March 1993 (ACC/1993/7);

(v) Report of the Third Inter-agency Meeting on the International Year of the Family (Vienna, 10 tc 12 March 1993) (ACC/1993/8);

(vi) Report of the seventeenth meeting of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Meeting on Women (Vienna, 15 to 16 March 1993) (ACC/1993/9);

(vii) Report of the new Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (Geneva, 16 to 19 March 1993) (ACC/1993/10);

(viii) Report of the first meeting of the Inter-agency Committee on Sustainable Development (New York, 23 to 25 March 1993) (ACC/1993/11);

(e) Meetings of subsidiary bodies of the Administrative Committee on Coordination

The Committee's attention is drawn to requests for the following proposed meetings:

(i) Joint United Nations Information Committee, nineteenth session, IMO (London), July 1993;

(ii) Subcommittee on Statistical Activities, FAO (Rome), 7 to 11 June 1993;

(iii) Ad Hoc Task Force for the International Conference on Population and Development, 1994, in connection with the Economic and Social Council, July 1993;

(iv) Ad Hoc Inter-agency Working Group on Demographic Estimates and Projections, eighteenth session, New York, late June 1994;

(v) ACC Inter-secretariat Group for Water Resources, fourteenth session, in conjunction with the third session of the Steering Committee for Water Supply and Sanitation, INSTRAW (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic), 6 to 8 October 1993;

(vi) Ad Hoc Inter-agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities, ITU (Geneva), 11 to 13 October 1993;

(vii) Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Information Systems, seventh session, 27 to 30 September 1993;

(viii) Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions, second regular session of 1993, New York, 20 to 24 September 1993;

(ix) Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Financial and Budgetary Questions), seventy-ninth session, ICAO (Montreal), 30 August to 3 September 1993;

(x) Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Personnel and Administrative Questions);

(xi) ACC Subcommittee on Nutrition, twenty-first session, UNICEF (New York), 7 to 11 March 1994;

(xii) Inter-agency Meeting on Coordination in Matters of International Drug Abuse Control, UNESCO (Paris), 6 to 8 September 1993.

Annex II

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